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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 2 PRESS ROUNDUP

1. UPI, IN DISPATCH FROM MOSCOW, REPORTED NOVEMBER 2 THAT BREZHNEV OFFERED BAN ON ALL PEACEFUL AND MILITARY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS AND PROPOSED END TO PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY ALL NATIONS. UPI QUOTED BREZHNEV AS SAYING "WE STATE THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON MORATORIUM COVERING NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES ALONG WITH BAN ON ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS FOR DEFINITE PERIOD. WE TRUST THAT ... ROAD WILL THUS BE CLEARED TO CONCLUDING TREATY LONG AWAITED BY PEOPLES." BREZHNEV SAID THAT IN INTERESTS OF REACHING NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY, HE WAS GIVING UP SOVIET DEMANDS THAT PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS BE EX-UNCLASSIFIED

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EMPTED FROM ANY BAN, UPI REPORTED. HIS NATIONALLY TELEVISED SPEECH TO TOP SOVIET LEADERS AND VISITING DIGNITARIES MARKED BEGINNING OF 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF NOVEMBER 7 RUSSIAN REVOLUTION.

2. PAUL NITZE'S NOVEMBER 1 PRESS CONFERENCE ON SALT AGREEMENTS RECEIVED WIDE PLAY IN WEDNESDAY MORNING PAPERS. CHARLES W. CORDDRY OF BALTIMORE SUN SAID "IN AN EXTENSIVE ANALYSIS -- OR INDICTMENT -- OF STILL-UNFINISHED AGREEMENTS, MR. NITZE ASSERTED U.S. WAS BEING LOCKED INTO AN

INFERIOR STRATEGIC NUCLEAR POSITION, WITH POTENTIALLY FEARFUL CONSEQUENCES FOR ITS INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY." NITZE, CORDDRY REPORTED, SAID ADMINISTRATION ASSERTIONS THAT PACTS WILL BE BALANCED AND PRESERVE PERCEPTION OF NUCLEAR PARITY AMOUNT TO COMPARING "APPLES AND ELEPHANTS." BY 1985 WHEN PROSPECTIVE TREATY -- ONE OF TWO IMPENDING AGREEMENTS -- WOULD EXPIRE, NITZE SAID, SOVIET UNION WOULD HAVE "OVERWHELMINGLY FAVORABLE RATIOS" OF NUCLEAR POWER. CORDDRY POINTED OUT "NITZE, WHOSE VIEWS WILL CARRY GREAT WEIGHT IN SENATE ALREADY UNEASY ABOUT PACTS, BASED HIS ANALYSIS ON MULTIPLICITY OF DATA THAT HAS BEEN FILTERED OUT BY OFFICIAL SOURCES, AND HE ADDED NEW ITEM. SOVIET UNION, HE SAID, HAS NO INTENTION OF BEGINNING LIMITED STRATEGIC ARMS CUTS AGREED UPON UNTIL AFTER EXPIRATION OF THREE-YEAR PROTOCOL THAT IS BEING NEGOTIATED TO ACCOMPANY EIGHT-YEAR TREATY. IT CAN THUS RETAIN LARGER NUMBERS OF NUCLEAR DELIVERY VEHICLES, HE SUGGESTED, AS BARGAINING WEDGE FOR GETTING U.S. TO EXTEND SOME OF TENTATIVE LIMITATIONS IN PROTOCOL. LATER THREE-YEAR PACT IS TO BE REPOSITORY FOR SOME OF PESKIER ISSUES ON WHICH LONG-TERM AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE REACHED... WITH ARRAYS OF STATISTICS ON LIMITS AND SUBLIMITS BEING NEGOTIATED FOR MISSILES AND BOMBERS, MR. NITZE UNDERTOOK TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SHOW THAT CARTER ADMINISTRATION WAS FAILING TO MEET TWO CHIEF GOALS OF ARMS NEGOTIATIONS: (1) PACTS WILL NOT ASSURE STRATEGIC STABILITY....

(2) THEY WILL NOT PROVIDE FOR NUCLEAR PARITY, SOMETIMES CALLED ROUGH EQUIVALENCE, BETWEEN SUPERPOWERS.... 'I BELIEVE WE'RE LOCKED INTO INFERIORITY AND I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET OUT OF IT,' MR. NITZE SAID.... HE RESERVED HIS HEAVIEST CRITICISM FOR PROSPECTIVE LIMITATIONS ON LAND-BASED INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES. LIMITATION OF SOVIET ABILITY TO THREATEN KNOCKOUT PUNCHES AGAINST THESE WEAPONS WAS DECLARED MAIN AIM LAST SPRING, HE SAID. HE SAID PACT WILL NOT AFFORD SUCH ASSURANCE."

3. DANIEL SOUTHERLAND OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR SAID NITZE, "LIKE MANY OTHER CRITICS OF SALT AGREEMENT NOW UNDER NEGOTIATION, CRITICIZED ADMINISTRATION FOR LEAVING SOVIET BACKFIRE BOMBER OUT OF AGREEMENT, FOR PLACING LIMITS ON NUMBER OF U.S. BOMBERS ARMED WITH CRUISE MISSILES, AND FOR RETREATING FROM EARLIER PROPOSALS FOR HEAVY CUTS IN NUMBER OF SOVIET LAND-BASED HEAVY MODERN BALLISTIC MISSILES." SOUTHERLAND QUOTED JEREMY STONE OF FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS AS SAYING "HAWKS ARE HAVING AN EASY TIME PINPRICKING THIS AGREEMENT WHILE ITS STILL HANGING IN WIND. ADMINISTRATION HAS GOT TO GET COHERENT LINE TOGETHER ON THIS, OR IT IS GOING TO BE VERY DIFFICULT TO KEEP THIS DEBATE IN BALANCE ON CAPITOL HILL." SOUTHERLAND REPORTED

THAT GROUP OF SPECIALISTS INTERESTED IN NEW SALT AGREEMENT, INCLUDING CONGRESSIONAL STAFF AIDES, MET WITH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AT STATE DEPARTMENT TO EXCHANGE IDEAS ON HOW TO "SELL" EMERGING AGREEMENT TO CONGRESS AND PUBLIC AT LARGE. HE QUOTED PARTICIPANT AS SAYING "WE WERE WONDERING WHETHER ADMINISTRATION HAS AN ORGANIZED GAME PLAN. MEETING CONFIRMED OUR WORST SUSPICIONS. THEY STILL DON'T HAVE AN ORGANIZED PLAN." SOUTHERLAND SAID "WHAT ADMINISTRATION UNCLASSIFIED

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TION HAS BEEN DOING IS DEFENDING OUTLINE OF NEW AGREEMENT IN BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS WITH NEWSMEN AND IN CLOSED DOOR SESSIONS WITH KEY CONGRESSMEN." HE REPORTED THAT VANCE WAS TO MEET NOVEMBER 3 WITH SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE "IN WHAT COULD BE TEST OF ADMINISTRATION'S PERSUASIVE POWERS." MONITOR CORRESPONDENT SAID CRITICISMS OF SENATORS "HAVE SO FAR BEEN CAUTIOUS COMPARED TO MR. NITZE'S SWEEPING ASSAULT OUTLINED IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE NOV. 1."

4. SUSANNA MCBEE OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT NITZE SAID HE WAS RELEASING HIS ANALYSIS OF SALT NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE HE FEELS U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS WOULD LEAVE U.S. "IN DEEP TROUBLE" IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS BALANCE WITH USSR. MCBEE REPORTED THAT ONE ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL SAID NITZE'S STATEMENT WOULD MAKE SALT NEGOTIATIONS "MORE DIFFICULT." MCBEE CONTINUED, "ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL WHO DECLINED TO BE IDENTIFIED, SAID NITZE'S RELEASE OF 'GREAT AMOUNTS OF DETAIL PURPORTING TO BE NEGOTIATING POSITIONS CANNOT MAKE IT EASIER FOR US TO NEGOTIATE WITH RUSSIANS. IT CAN'T HELP BUT MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT.' JEREMY STONE, DIRECTOR OF FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS, CHARGED THAT NITZE HAD ISSUE 'SHOCKINGLY PRECISE STATEMENT OF CURRENT NEGOTIATING DIFFICULTIES. I HOPE IT WON'T BE FORERUNNER TO MASSIVE HEMORRHAGING OF NEGOTIATING DETAILS THAT WOULD SABOTAGE SALT TREATY,' HE SAID. FEDERATION GENERALLY FAVORS U.S. EFFORT ON LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS. NITZE SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE DETAILS HE RELEASED WERE CLASSIFIED."

5. RICHARD BURT OF NEW YORK TIMES, SAID "QUESTION OF WHETHER SOVIET UNION WOULD BE ALLOWED TO IMPROVE SIGNIFICANTLY ITS NEW LAND-BASED BALLISTIC MISSILES UNDER PROPOSED SOVIET-AMERICAN STRATEGIC ARMS ACCORD UNCLASSIFIED

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CORD HAS EMERGED AS KEY STUMBLING BLOCK IN NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA." BURT REPORTED THAT ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID ISSUE OF MISSILE MODERNIZATIONS "IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL QUESTIONS STILL TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE NEW ACCORD CAN BE

COMPLETED, AND CONSEQUENTLY, THEY INDICATED NEGOTIATIONS ARE VERY LIKELY TO DRAG INTO NEXT YEAR." OFFICIALS, BURT ADDED, SAID "SOVIET NEGOTIATORS HAD ASSUMED TOUGH, UNCOM- PROMISING POSITION ON ALMOST EVERY ASPECT OF ACCORD THAT

WAS NOT SETTLED LAST MONTH." BURT NOTED PROPOSED ACCORD ALREADY "HAS GENERATED AN UNUSUAL DEGREE OF CONCERN IN SOME CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERS."

6. JIM ANDERSON, IN NOVEMBER 2 UPI DISPATCH, SAID SALT AGREEMENT NOW BEING NEGOTIATED "IS BEING DESCRIBED BY STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AS MOST THOROUGHLY LEAKED DOCUMENT IN RECENT DIPLOMATIC HISTORY." OFFICIALS, ACCORDING TO ANDERSON, SAID "LEAKS CLEARLY COME FROM CAPITOL HILL AND PENTAGON OPPONENTS OF TREATY WHO HAVE BEEN BRIEFED BY SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE OR OTHER OFFICIALS. NEWS LEAKS, THEY SAY, ARE DOUBLY WORRYING: NOT ONLY ARE THEY BREACH OF SECURITY BUT THEY ARE SURE SIGN OF ACTIVE AND DETERMINED OPPOSITION TO STILL UNCONCLUDED ARMS LIMITATIONS. ONE OFFICIAL SAID LEAKS, WHICH HAVE LAID OUT THREE-TIER SALT TWO NEGOTIATIONS IN GREAT DETAIL, HAVE THEMSELVES BECOME AN ELEMENT IN BARGAINING.... NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN GENEVA, WITH U.S. BEING REPRESENTED BY PAUL WARNKE, HEAD OF ACDA. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS DO NOT BELIEVE LEAKS COME FROM GENEVA." ANDERSON POINTED OUT WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS HAVE HELD PRIVATE "BACKGROUND SESSIONS" FOR SELECTED REPORTERS, BUT NO ACTUAL NUMBERS HAVE BEEN DIVULGED THERE. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, HE SAID, STATED GREATEST CONCERN CAME AFTER NEW YORK TIMES STORY IN OCTOBER WHICH LAID OUT SALT TWO NEGOTIATING POSITIONS IN GREAT DETAIL. DESPITE CONCERN, ANDERSON REPORTED, NO OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION WAS LAUNCHED AND, OFFICIAL SAID, UNCLASSIFIED

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THERE WAS GENERAL RECOGNITION WITHIN STATE DEPARTMENT THAT EVEN MOST SECRET NEGOTIATIONS WILL SOON BECOME PUBLIC. WHATEVER GAPS REMAINED AFTER TIMES STORY WERE QUICKLY FILLED IN BY OTHER DETAILED LEAKS WHICH ON OCT. 20 REACHED STAGE OF BEING PUT IN PRESS RELEASE BY AMERICAN SECURITY COUNCIL, WHICH PUBLISHED PAPER ON SALT TWO BY CONGRESSMAN ROBIN BEARD, MEMBER OF HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN CLASSIFIED BRIEFINGS ON NEGOTIATIONS. NO SOURCE WAS GIVEN IN BEARD'S PAPER, WHICH LISTED IN GREAT DETAIL PROVISIONS THAT HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED. ANDERSON SAID NITZE'S PAPER WAS EVEN MORE UP TO DATE AND SPECIFIC ON TOTALS NEGOTIATED SO FAR, GIVING DETAILS THAT HAD ONLY BEEN AGREED LAST WEEK. AGAIN, NO ATTRIBUTION WAS GIVEN FOR INFORMATION. VANCE, ACCORDING TO STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL, IS AWARE THAT LEAKS MAY COME FROM CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES, BUT CONSIDERS IT VITAL TO KEEP MEMBERS INFORMED. VANCE

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